

## RE: UPDATE 3 - Flagging International Truck Convoy Protest @ Emerson POE - Prairie Region

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A bunch of Winnipeg media have asked CBSA about this, here's what they're sending. (They originally wanted to say "limited impact" as the protest is causing delays on the highway after leaving the border crossing, but given that it's not affecting the crossing itself I've got them to switch it to "no impact.")

### Proposed response

- We can confirm that these protests have had no impact on CBSA operations.

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) continuously monitors its operations and is ready to respond, with police of local jurisdiction if necessary, to any protests impeding the flow of traffic to and from Canada. CBSA Ports of Entry are secure controlled areas that must not be accessed by anyone other than those in the process of crossing the border. It is an offense under the *Customs Act* to hinder the ability of a border services officer to conduct their work.

The Agency is always monitoring changes in demand for service and adjusts its operational posture at the border accordingly. The CBSA is prepared to allocate resources and adjust staffing levels to minimize processing times and potential delays at our ports of entry. Wait times at select land ports of entry are available on CBSA's [website](#).

### To Golden West only:

In terms of your request for traveller statistics, we are not able to process tailored stats requests, nor do we provide stats for specific ports of entry. However, once available, all CBSA traveller stats are posted online: [COVID-19: Summary data about travellers, testing and compliance \[canada.ca\]](#)

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Thannks Alex.

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As of 1010 ET on January 17, 2022, it has been reported that the protest is ongoing.

An estimated 50 commercial and personal vehicles are slowly driving occupying both lanes south and northbound on highway 75. The vehicles are turning north at the edge of the CBSA port of entry, and turning back south approximately a mile north of the port. The convoy is consistently moving.

Traveler and commercial delays of approximately 10-20 minutes are being experienced both south and northbound. These delays are after CBSA processing and prior to CBP processing. The RCMP has been contacted to provide them with an update of the situation. The protest remains peaceful and there are no direct impacts to CBSA. Traveler and commercial volumes are currently low, with commercial volumes anticipated to increase throughout the day.

Thanks,  
Robyn

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Further to my message below, as of 8:30am this morning it was reported that approximately 45 Commercial trucks were lined up on the shoulder of the 75 highway facing south at 0400 CT and began using the turn around lane just before the Emerson POE to begin heading north just before 0500 CT.

Winnipeg Alternative Media was on site filming the protest and were asked to move off site with no issues. The goal of the protest is to demonstrate against vaccination mandates for commercial drivers.

There has been no impact to the operation and no complaints from travelers going south. Traffic is flowing in both directions without issue.

Thanks  
Robyn

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Good Afternoon,

Flagging for awareness, that there is a potential truck convey/protest being planned for tomorrow Jan 17th at 0300am at the Port of Emerson (Prairie region). Please see attached.

If this proceeds, we may experience border wait times and there is a potential for media attention at the port.

Our Regional operations are ensuring a plan is in place to react to this potential disruption. Planning will include having adequate resources present to deal with the event, as well as managerial presence and oversight. Communication is aware and will be present to deal with any on site issues with media. Additionally we will be working with our partners including the RCMP (for Highway traffic act issues), PHAC (processing if required), USCBP (for awareness).

Thanks,  
Robyn